



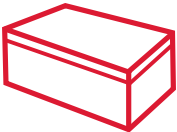
## 7 IDEAS FOR FAMILY IMPACT WITH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child as a family and double your impact. Teach your children about caring for others as your family extends God's love to a boy or girl in need.



### 1. GIVE THANKS

Thank God for the many ways He has blessed your family. Then talk about sharing the message of Jesus with a boy or girl in need through an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift.



### 2. SET A SHOEBOX GOAL

Decide how many shoeboxes you want to fill. Will the gifts follow a theme? Will your kids help pay for the gifts? What special things do you want to put in your boxes?



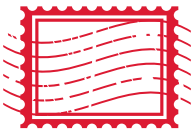
### 3. GO SHOPPING

Go shopping as a family to pick out the gifts you want to put in your shoebox. Consider making it a race. Can you fill your box—within budget—in 10 minutes or less?



### 4. PERSONALIZE IT

Write a note and include a photo of your family in your shoebox. Have your kids include a "Let's Be Friends" coloring page from our website: [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ).



### 5. VISIT THE POST OFFICE

Teach your kids about the \$9 donation for shipping and other ministry expenses. Find out how much it would cost to send a shoebox to another country.



### 6. EMPHASIZE PRAYER

Pray before, during, and after packing your shoebox. Ask God to use your gift to open doors for sharing God's love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



### 7. GO DEEPER

Follow Your Box at [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ). Through this feature, you can look up where your shoebox went and find information about Operation Christmas Child's work in that country.

# HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



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Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted plastic and cardboard boxes are available online.

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Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.



Select a quality **“wow”** toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.

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A donation of **\$9** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.\*

Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

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Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.

For more gift suggestions, visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)

  
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